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WELFARE & TORT REFORM AND MORE MONEY FOR EDUCATION ARE ON THE GOVERNOR'S WISH LIST.

Editor's note: On Jan. 7th Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson(R) delivered his 7th State-of-State speech. Here's a brief report & analysis...

...As **Calpeek** hit deadline, Gov. Wilson's 1997-98 budget was still 24-hours away from being released, but based on past experience, our sources think the budget will probably increase by 4-7%. The 1996-97 budget was \$62.8 billion...

...But in terms of the governor's State-of-the-State address, here are the highlights: 1) A 10% cut over 2 years in the bank & corporation tax --- to make Calif. even more competitive which our neighboring States; 2) tort reform; 3) a \$2 billion school facilities bond; 4) \$1 billion over 4 years to bring cyberspace skills to all high schools in Calif.; 5) more charter schools in Calif.; and 6) no fee hikes at UC or the CSU system...

...As for welfare reform, that's really Gov. Wilson's top priority -- and it will be the #1 issue facing the Calif. Legislature as well. Federal welfare (AFDC - which will now be called *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families*) will no longer be guaranteed under the new law signed by Pres. Bill Clinton. Politically, the President took some heat from Demo constituents, but by signing the GOP's 3rd version of welfare reform, he scored major points with voters. So, over the next 5 years \$16.5 billion a year will be given to the States in bloc grants - and another \$14 billion per year will go to child care. The States have to have their individual welfare plans (w/matching funds) in place by July 1st. That's why welfare reform is the #1 priority of Gov. Wilson and the CA Legislature...

...In the governor's Jan. 7th address, he outlined a very tough, new set of standards for those welfare. Some of

his new proposals include: 1) New welfare applicants have to find work within 1 year or lose their benefits; 2) if kids on welfare don't go to school, no benefits; 3) welfare mothers who don't establish paternity for all their kids lose their benefits; and 4) those on welfare must find work quickly, even if it's a minimum wage job...

...Does Wilson's plan make him look like *Governor Scrooge*? GOP lawmakers don't think so. The Demos were looking for a more *humanitarian* plan, but they know Wilson is on the right side of this issue and they (Demos) could be hurt if they're not careful. In terms of creating new jobs for those on welfare, business leaders who attended Senate President Bill Lockyer's Welfare to Work Summit at UCLA last year said they didn't need tax breaks - but rather a *trained work force*...

...FYI: The Calif. Business Roundtable was overjoyed at Wilson's plan to cut bank & corporate taxes --- and linked it to the creation of new jobs. But these are not necessarily jobs for those who are now on welfare. Stay tuned...

GINGRICH REELECTED SPEAKER. U.S. REP. TOM CAMPBELL OF SAN JOSE DOESN'T VOTE FOR NEWT.

Editor's note: With just a few votes to spare, the U.S. House of Representatives reelected embattled Speaker Newt Gingrich on Jan. 7th, but his troubles are far from over. One of the 9 Republicans who didn't cast a vote for Gingrich was U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(San Jose). Here's our update & analysis...

...Campbell won't be very popular with his fellow Republican caucus members, but then neither will 8 other GOP House members who either voted for someone other than Gingrich or voted *present*. *What does this mean in terms of 1998?* If Campbell seeks

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reelection, it's possible he'll face a challenge from the right, but sources say he'll still be on firm ground with the moderate/pro-business GOP establishment and voter base in the Silicon Valley's 15th CD...

...In addition, don't forget the *open primary* law in Calif. (Campbell was the sponsor of Prop. 198). If he is challenged from the right, he may be able to get sufficient Demo support to stop any attempt to oust him in the primary. But Demo support would depend on: 1) how Campbell votes in the 105th Congress; and 2) the Demo primary -- if Demos smell blood, they may try to recruit a solid challenger, thus there might be a very *limited Demo voting base* willing to cross-over party lines to support Campbell...

...But what happens to Campbell if he abandons his 15th CD seat and instead runs for the U.S. Senate in the GOP June '98 primary? Despite the *open primary*, Campbell would still need a solid base of moderate support to win and it looks as though there will be 2 other moderates splitting the vote: Treas. Matt Fong and San Diego Mayor Susan Golding...

...Will Campbell run for the U.S. Senate in '98? In that 1995 special election, this subject came up often and Campbell said he would NOT run for the U.S. Senate. It also should be noted that in the special election to replace Norm Mineta (D), Demo candidate Jerry Estruth tried repeatedly to link Campbell to Gingrich. It didn't work and after Jan. 7th's vote, there's no doubt Campbell is his own man. Stay tuned...

BATTLE UNDERWAY TO REPLACE BARBER AT RNC.

Editor's note: From Jan. 17-19, some 165 members of the Republican Nat'l Committee will gather in Washington DC to pick a successor to Haley Barber, the two-term chair of the RNC. Here's our update...

...What makes this battle so interesting is that outgoing Calif. Republican Party chair John Herrington is one of the contenders. And according to several sources, this battle is still wide open. The other contenders are ex-Gov. Steve Merrell of New Hampshire; Ohio Committeeman Bob Bennett; former RNC co-chair Jeanie Austin; New Jersey Committeeman Dave Norcross; Michigan Committeeman Chuck Yob; Colorado Committeeman Jim Nicholson and Texas State chair Tom Pauken...

...**Calpeek** sources in DC think that Norcross (the only pro-choice candidate for chair) may have the most votes as of now, but his support is shallow. The *smart money* is on Nicholson of Colorado, everyone's 2nd choice. What about Herrington? He's a *long shot*, even though he, Merrell and Pauken are all co-endorsed by the Christian Coalition. Pauken is a hardline conservative --- and sources say that Barber would run for a 3rd term if he thought Pauken had a shot. To say that Barber doesn't like Pauken is a gross understatement. Pauken is the guy who tried to throw U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson off the Texas - Dole delegation because she's pro-choice. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's LEGAL FILE: BAUGH CASE AND #208.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on some pending legal cases...

◆ ***People vs. Baugh*** - In the ongoing prosecution of GOP Assemblyman Scott Baugh of Huntington Beach over allegations of campaign reporting violations and voter fraud arising out of the 67th AD recall of Doris Al-len in 1995, Baugh's C-O-S, Maureen Werft, *pled guilty* last Dec. 13th to a misdemeanor count of violating the election code. She'll be on probation for a year, pay a \$2,700 fine and do 100 hours of community service. Not resolved yet: cmp. mgr. Rhonda Carmony faces 3 felony counts of illegal circulation of petitions. Her jury trial is set **Feb. 10th**. As for Baugh, he faces numerous felony & misdemeanor charges of alleged campaign finance fraud. A preliminary hearing is set **Jan. 23rd** in Municipal Court...

◆ ***More Lawsuits Against 208*** - Sources say that at least two more lawsuits will be filed on or about Jan. 10th against Prop. 208, the new campaign reform law approved by voters Nov. 5th. Sources say the lawsuits will be filed on behalf of the CA Demo Party and the CA Republican Party. Law firms involved: Nielsen, Merksamer et al for the GOP and Remcho, Johansen for the Demos...

NALEO TO HOLD #208 TRAINING SEMINAR JAN. 18.

The Nat'l Assn. of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO) will conduct a day-long seminar on Prop. 208, the new campaign reform law. Panelists will include campaign professionals and political law attorneys. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 18, CSU/Los Angeles at the Edward Roybal Inst.. For information ☎(213)262-8503 ext. 26...

CA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS ANNOUNCED

Editor's note: Here are the names of the new chairs of the Standing Committees of the CA State Senate and CA State Assembly...

State Senate Committee Chairs

...New committee chairs announced by Senate PPT Bill Lockyer(D) include: *Judiciary* - John Burton(D-S.F.); *Revenue & Taxation* - Dede Alpert(D-Coronado); *Public Employment* - Adam Schiff(D-Glendale); *Elections* - Betty Karnette(D-Long Beach); *Criminal Procedure* - John Vasconcellos(D-San Jose); *Housing & Land Use* - Barbara Lee(D-Oakland); *Environmental Quality* - Byron Sher(D-Palo Alto)...

...Other committee chairs remain unchanged: *Ag & Water* - Jim Costa(D-Fresno); *Appropriations* - Pat Johnston(D-Stockton); *Budget* - Mike Thompson(D-Napa); *Business & Professions* - Richard Polanco(D-L.A.); *Const. Amendments* - David Kelley(R-Palm Desert); *Education* - Leroy Greene(D-Carmichael); *Energy/Utilities* - Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista); *Finance* - Ken Maddy(R-Fresno); *G.O.* - Ralph Dills(D-Gardena); *Health/Human Services* - Diane Watson(D-L.A.); *Industrial Relations* - Hilda Solis(D-El Monte); *Insurance* - Herschel Rosenthal(D-Van Nuys); *Local Govt.* - William Craven(R-Oceanside); *Natural Resources* - Tom Hayden(D-West L.A.); *Rules* - Bill Lockyer(D-Hayward); *Transportation* - Quentin Kopp(I-S.F.); *Veterans Affairs* - Maurice Johannessen(R-Redding)...

State Assembly Committee Chairs

...New Speaker Cruz Bustamante(D-Fresno) has appointed the following members to chair the 27 standing committees. They include: *Ag* - Dennis Cardoza(D-Merced); *Appropriations* - Carole Migden(D-S.F.); *Banking & Finance* - Lou Papan(D-Millbrae); *Budget* - Denise Ducheny(D-San Diego); *Consumer Protection* - Susan Davis(D-San Diego); *Education* - Kerry Mazzoni(D-Novato)...

...*Elections* - Ed Vincent(D-Inglewood); *Environmental Safety* - Howard Wayne(D-San Diego); *G.O.* - Valerie Brown(D-Kenwood); *Health* - Martin Gallegos

(D-El Monte); *Higher Education* - Ted Lempert(D-Redwood City); *Housing* - Tom Torlakson(D-Antioch); *Human Services* - Dion Aroner(D-Oakland); *Insurance* - Liz Figueroa(D-Fremont); *Inter'l Trade & Development* - Grace Napolitano(D-Norwalk)...

...*Judiciary* - Martha Escutia(D-Huntington Park); *Labor* - Dick Floyd(D-Wilmington); *Local Govt.* - Michael Sweeney(D-Hayward); *Natural Resources* - Debra Bowen(D-Marina Del Rey); *Public Employees* - Wally Knox(D-L.A.); *Public Safety* - Bob Hertzberg(D-Sherman Oaks); *Revenue & Taxation* - Louis Caldera(D-L.A.); *Rules* - Don Perata(D-Alameda); *Televising the Assembly* - Elaine Alquist(D-San Jose); *Transportation* - Kevin Murray(D-Culver City); *Utilities* - Diane Martinez(D-Rosemead); *Water* - Mike Machado(D-Linden). Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: HAYDEN RUNS FOR MAYOR.

Editor's note: As our sources predicted last week, Sen. Tom Hayden(D-West L.A.) will challenge Mayor Richard Riordan in the upcoming April 8th muni election. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...Hayden is in and **Calpeek** sources say L.A. Councilman Nate Holden may make it a 3-way affair on Jan. 13th. And with Holden in the mix, anything can happen. For example: Holden was quoted in the L.A. Times as calling Hayden a *Johnny-come-lately* "who simply wants to run but not serve." Ohhh, Nate...

...Regardless, city hall observers and political pundits continue to view Riordan as a heavy favorite to win re-election, but they also think Hayden's entry makes it a more interesting contest that will likely draw increased news media attention...

...So what's the real reason why Hayden is running against Riordan? Our sources don't think Hayden is really running against Riordan. Hayden's ultimate game plan is more complex. Insiders think Hayden's true purpose is to lay the groundwork so that he can run again in 2001 --- when there won't be an incumbent. Part of the game plan is to build up favorable name ID; establish new links outside his 23rd SD/West L.A. political base; and to create the impression that Tom Hayden is a *visionary leader* with new ideas that will make L.A. a more "livable, more peaceful place," to

quote from his announcement...

...The above analysis probably doesn't play well with Hayden's key consultant, Larry Remer of The Primacy Group in San Diego. As part of Hayden's announcement package, Remer included a 5-page memo to political types titled *Does Mayor Riordan Have Feet of Clay? How Tom Hayden Can Defeat Him*. Remer says pundits, city hall watchers & politicians have been put to sleep with Riordan's "mantra that he's got the money to crush any opposition...etc, etc." Want a copy of this 5-page memo? ☎ Remer at (619)295-6923. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Will the NFL Return to L.A.??*** - If pro-football returns to L.A., taxpayers might have to pick up around 80% of the tab to rebuild L.A. Coliseum, this according to NFL Pres. Neil Austrian, who spoke to the Public Policy Series breakfast on Jan. 8th. FYI: Keep your eyes on **San Diego**, where angry voters on Jan. 8th turned in 50,000 signatures for a referendum to force Mayor Susan Golding and the council to place a \$78 million bond measure on the ballot - with the money going to help partly fund a new stadium for the NFL Chargers. Our sources say the referendum will qualify, but city hall is trying to invalidate the petitions. Lots of legal fighting...

■ ***Political Loser of the Year*** - Sacto BEE Capitol bureau chief Bill Endicott's 2nd annual *Endicott Peabody Award* (political loser of the year) for 1996 goes to Jack Kemp. Nominations included: Ross Perot, Bob Dornan, GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle and toe fetish/political consultant Dick Morris....

■ ***Mayor Willie Still Riding High*** - The latest *S.F. Chronicle-KRON-TV* poll released Jan. 8th in the Matier & Ross column shows S.F. Mayor Willie Brown with a 63% approval rating (vs. 25% who disapprove and 12% with no opinion). This poll was released just as Brown begins his 2nd year as mayor. The poll was conducted by S.F.-based David Binder & Assoc., with 600 S.F. voters. The poll was taken Dec. 28-30...

■ ***Campaign 2000 Presidential Poll*** - One month

after the Nov. 5th election, an NBC News/WSJ poll showed Colin Powell leading a GOP primary field with 37%. Next was Jack Kemp with 20%, followed by TX Gov. George Bush Jr. with 19%. Steve Forbes got 6%, Pat Buchanan 5%, Lamar Alexander 3% and undecided received 10%. A Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll taken Nov. 20-21 among 914 likely voters, showed Powell defeating Demo VP Al Gore by a margin of 54% to 26%, with 20% undecided...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: prominent attorney Allan E. Tebbetts, 56, committed suicide by apparently jumping from a 10-story parking garage on Jan. 4th. Tebbetts was a past president of the Calif. Political Attorneys Assn. R.I.P...

● L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon has been elected as the Demo Muni Officials member to the DNC...

● L.A.-based Cerrell Associates, Inc. has been voted into the WORLDCOM Group, the largest consortium of independently-owned PR counseling firms...

● Dana Spurrier leaves Sacto-based Stoorza, Ziegaus et al to work for Insurance Comm. Chuck Quackenbush(R) - as press secretary...

● L.A. Times writer Bill Stall has moved back to Sacto, but is no longer covering the political beat. Instead, Editorial Page Editor Janet Clayton has added Stall to her staff. Very smart move...

● New L.A. bureau chief for Time magazine: Cathy Booth. She replaces Jordan Bonfante, who is moving to Germany for Time. *Auf wiedersehen*...

● New L.A. Co. Sup. Don Knabe has named Fred Guido as his chief deputy. Guido was director of program development for Bryan A. Stirrate & Assoc...

● Sacto-based The Perry Group has hired Cynthia Katz as a Sr. AE and Meredith Sidel as an AE. Katz was a lobbyist and in the Wilson Admin.'s Education Dept. before joining The Perry Group. Sidel comes to The Perry Group from 20th Century Fox Studios...